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New Road Boss

Daniel Baciagalupo of Davis Road started work June 6 as the new road boss. He was hired by the board of selectmen at the recomendation of the highway commission after a delay caused by a shortage of applicants.

Dan, presently Wendell Tree Warden, has a considerable amount of road building experience. He was employed until recently by Mackin Construction Co., of Greenfield. He had been there for six years. Before that, he had worked for the Town of Wendell on the road crew for two years and for Lake Asphault for 20 years.

He replaces Ron Grogan who left the department in April. (in the meantime, Bradley Merchant has been keeping the hours and the road commision, headed by Joeseph Hartjens, has been supervising the work detail . Most of the work has centered at the new highway garage/fire station.) After Bacigalupo heard about the vacancy, he put in his application, which despite two rounds of advertising was the only one the town received.

"we felt he was well qualified," Hartjens said, adding however that "he doesn't have alot of supervisory experience." In consultation with the selectboard, it was decided to put out a second notification of the job opening. Bacigalupo's application remained the only one received and he was hired.

Dan and his wife, Minnie, have children. He is an avid hunter and Woodsmen .

New Fire People

The next time there's a fire in town, the chances are better now that whoever answers it won't find themselves alone at the station; six new volunteers have just joined the Wendell Volunteer Fire Department, and as far as Ed Farmer, a two-year veteran, is concerned, things are looking up.

"For a while there," he said, "there were so few of us that when you showed up at the station to answer a fire call, you didn't know if anybody else was going to be there. That's happened to all of us, I guess."

"What do you do when that happens?"

"You go to the fire alone," he shrugged.

"Alone? What can you do by yourself?"

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Paddler's Get Into Hot Water On Day 2

The first leg of the river expedition called the Salmon Revival Run included four Wendell residents, who paddled some fifteen miles from Old Saybrook, Conn., on Long Island Sound, upstream to the Yankee Atomic power plant at Haddam Neck. Apollo, Kuumba, Isha and this writer joined two other paddlers who are intending to go all the way to White River Junction in kayak and canoe on the first public action of Connecticut Valley Earth First!, a new (in the East) environmental movement. Brad Powell rode support bike.

We left a cheering support crew May 31 at a boat ramp in Old Saybrook and paddled the first hour in a golden mist, gliding on glassy water into an unknown of tides, current and public reception. Could our group physically paddle 215 miles upstream in 35 days? Would other paddlers join? Would we have an impact? (Our message was the basic Earth First message: this globe--even this watershed--is not for man or woman to plunder; its clock ticks more grandly and steadfastly than ours, we human beings are its--momentarily disrespectful--servants.)

Using the tides, progress upstream was quicker than anticipated. We passed hardly a boat in a silence broken only by the sound of paddles. "This is much better than I thought it would be," Apollo commented. "This is great!" The Connecticut is New England's largest river, and for about sixty miles of its length is navigable. Nevertheless, it's without a great city at its mouth, and below Hartford, the further south you go the wilder it gets.

That night we camped on a State-owned island called Selden Neck--the state's largest island. We had the whole island to ourself. It was peaceful even though we faced a marina directly across the river. The previous three days--the Memorial Day Weekend-power boaters had apparently exhausted themselves. We felt like Huck Finn and Nigger Jim. We hiked and paddled around the island and to the nearby sights such as Gillette Castle. Before turning in a couple of us took a swim. The pleasure was dimmed a little by conflicting things we'd read about Connecticut River quality.

The next day we paddled eight miles to the nuclear power plant. It looks ominous on the approach from downriver, and it soon felt ominous. "Hey, the water is hot!" Kuumba cried. We dipped our hands in, and it was nearly body temperature. We were approaching the discharge canal for the cooling water from the furious thermal reactions of the nuclear/steam plant. I paddled over to the mouth of the canal. It was steaming in Hellish fashion, vapors rising into the warm spring morning, and my kayak felt like an oven. Incongruously, there were four men fishing on the bank. It struck me that the fish they were catching--"mostly bullheads" they said--were partially cooked! Here the water was downright hot.

Just upstream we found a visible line where the discharge canal water, pushed by the incoming tide, met the river flow. On one side of the line the water was hot. Inches away it was cold.

We got a rather forced welcome at the plant's visitors' center. Something about us--perhaps our salmon headgear, or the kinds of questions we politely asked--prompted the public relations director, who was handling our case personally, to ask, "Would it be accurate to say you're not in favor of nuclear power?" With mutual sizing up out of the way, he told us the plant draws 365,000 gallons of water each minute for cooling. Northeast Utilities, which operates the plant has legal authority to raise the temperature

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Police Log

4-12-88 B&E at Sogard's
4-16-88 MacGregor camp on Jennison Rd. vandalized.
4-17-88 Brown briefcase with religous material found.
4-18-88 Pickup truck at Town Garage had battery stolen.
4-19-88 Mailboxes on Stone Road and Anne Diemand's vandalized.
5-1-88 Mason Phelps reported his camp on New Salem Rd. broken into.
5-2-88 Don Stone reported white fiberglass Old Towne canoe stolen.
5-9-88 Harold Wetherby reported trash dumped on his property on Morse Village Rd. and New Salem Rd.
5-11-88 Busdriver reported two cars passed stopped school bus. Drivers have been spoken to. If it happens again they will be fined $100.
5-20-88 Fuel oil spill reported in front of Gilbert farmer. Board of Health responded.
5-21-88 One car accident on Depot Hill. No serious injuries.

Fire Log

4-14	Illegal burn on Locke Hill Rd #1
5- 1	Smoke investagation
6- 3	Medical emergency on Mormon Hollow Rd
6- 6	Electrical fire on Stone Rd
6-10	Lost child call

Land Transfers

4- 1-88	From Coombs to Murcell Stone Road - 3.256 Acres
3-11-88	From Miller (Jewler) to Pearson & Totino East section of Wendell - 3 Acres
3-28-88	From Marini to Lynde Stone Road - Dwelling & 1 Acre
4-22-88	Zavorski to Valley Land Fund, Inc. East section of Wendell - 77.5 A
4-29-88	From McLeod to Rooney Wendell Depot Road - Dwelling & 17 Acres

Amy and Sarah Golding, the Book Fair at Swift River School.

For Clean Water

On the first and third Wednesday nights of the month from 7-8:30 at Town Hall, a Board of Health study group meets. Our agenda is to learn about septic systems, greywater systems, composting toilets and privies. Our concerns are to protect the environment, to explore ecological alternatives to the disposal of human waste, to raise public awareness around issues of conservation and water usage.

Our meetings are open to the public. The members of the group that have gathered regularly over the past few months have different areas of interest, and we continue to learn from each other and from written information. We have tackled reading and interpreting state regulations, both from Massachusetts and other states and other technical information, as well as exploring personal attitudes and concerns. One Wed. night our guest speaker, Holly Hamilton, a graduate of UMASS in alternative energy, shared her knowledge of greywater systems.

welcome community input.

We plan to have a booth at Old Home Day so that we can share infomration with the community. We are excited to offer for sale a clearly written informative book "We all live downstream" which addresses the vital issue of clean water. Look for us at Old Home Day!

Hope Riley

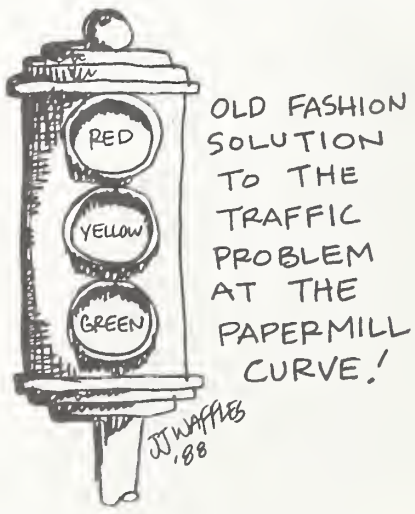
Obituary

Dr. Broadus Mitchell, an educator, historian and biographer of Alexander Hamilton, died April 28 at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Tarrytown, N.Y. He was 95 years old and lived in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. and Wendell Mass.

Active in political affairs, he was the Socialist candidate for governor of Maryland in 1934. Dr. Mitchell taught economics at Johns Hopkins from 1919 to 1939; Occidental Univ., N.Y. Univ., Rutgers, and the New College at Hofstra.

In 1962, Dr. Mitchell completed publication of a two-volume biography, "Alexander Hamilton."

He spent most of his summers in Wendell and we will dearly miss him.



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Kuumba , Apollo and Isha prepare to launch.

Paddlers Cont.

of the cooling water it draws from the river by 26 degrees. Calling the control room, he said he was told incoming water at that moment was 65 degrees and outgoing water was ...76 degrees. We protested that it has seemed a lot warmer than that two miles below the plant where the discharge canal joins the Connecticut. He said we could believe our hands if we wished; they relied on instrumentation. He rattled off claims about official studies and infrared photography.

We managed to obtain a thermometer from a visiting high school science teacher who showed up opportunely, and Brad Powell and I paddled back to the discharge canal. I could tell the tide had come in by now and had cooled the water considerably by mixing. Still, the thermometer at the confluence of the canal and the river read 91 degrees!

Jamie, one of the core group of paddlers (Tom and Barry) are the others put it into perspective: "If they're releasing water at 76 from the plant, and it's 91 by the time it reaches the end of the canal, thy ought tc get out of nuclear energy and figure out the energy that heats the water fifteen degrees for free!"

Here the Wendell paddlers parted to return home. I'll be joining for another week of paddling and support. Others who are interested in joining the Salmon Revival Run for a day or several days should speak to Susan DunLany or me. The Connecticut River is a different world, and the Salmon Run is an adventure. This is a congruous and rewarding way to demonstrate a vision of restoration of the river and watershed.

Jonathan von Ranson

Fire People Cont.

He looked at me like I'd just asked a not very intelligent question. If that's what he was thinking, he was right: it wasn't. What we were talking about that almost-sunny Saturday afternoon was, after all, fire. When forest or farm--or home--is burning, you don't walk away just because you are alone.

"You do what you can," he said patiently. "You call for help, other towns maybe, pick up who you can, hope somebody heard and went to the fire first because they were closer to it than they were to the station. And then you go and whatever you find, whoever is there, you do what you can."

Scary. I guess like most folks I'm used to the idea of a professional fire department--you know, some trained firefighters who are always there waiting for when a fire breaks out, and all any of us regular people have to do is call them and a truck will show up like gangbusters.

Not necessarily.

"For a while there, there were so few of us that we always worried; what if we all happened to be out of town at the same time when a fire broke?" He shook his head. "When there's only a few of you, you worry about things like that. It's better now."

Yes indeed. With six new volunteers (one of them, Pete Diemand, is shown here standing with Ed in front of our truck), the volunteer squad is starting to fill out some at last.

And that's good news. When you don't have--and can't afford--a professional, full-time team, you live or die by your volunteers, and numbers is the name of the game.

"Bodies," Ed said. "When you're volunteer, you need lots of bodies. People who can fill in. Any help is better than none."

"Don't you need training?"

Another dumb question.

"It doesn't take a whole lot of training to haul a hose through thirty yards of woods," he answered. "And sometimes that's what would make the difference."

So, many thanks from all of us to all the new volunteers. We are, in a very real way I never gave much thought to until now, a lot safer tonight because of them.

And if anybody wants to help, more bodies are always needed like crazy. Call Anne Diemand at 544-6111 or Kathy Becker at 544-2086.

The new volunteers are: Pete Diemand, Faith Diemand, Charles Bado, Ted Descavich, Al MacIntire, and Bob Schulman.

Michael McPhee

Ed Farmer and Pete Diemand

Jamie Sayen, Tom Carney, and Brad Powell

The Salmon Are Coming

RIVER PICNIC

A riverside picnic held by the Salmon Revival Run is planned for June 18 at Schuetzen Verein, the picnic grounds next to Barton Cove in Gill. Starting at noon and going till 7 p.m., speakers and entertainers will provide food for the mind and soul. (Some well-known names; Court Dorsey, Doug Tanner, Nexus, Waffles the Clown, with skits and talks about the serious problems facing the river and the serious work being done to improve it). Food: bring your own., or buy Diemand barbeque chicken or veggie pockets. Come meet the famous "salmon" and celebrate the river.

Once the Salmon Revival paddlers reach White River Junction, Vt., on July 4, there will be a grand finale with a salmon/wildlife "passion play."

Susan DunLany

Ladies Aid

The Wendell Ladies Aid will meet on Tuesday, June 28, at 7:30 pm at the home of Elsie Diemand on Mormon Hollow Road. All members are asked to be present as well as any other interested local men and women. Very important decisions must be made. Our main function of late years has been to raise funds for and sponsor a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party for the children of the town. Despite constant appeals to both parents and townspeople, little interest has been shown and very little support given to the dwindling membership. We are open to any and all suggestions whether by telephone or your presence on the 28th of June.

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State Forest News

According to the Greenfield Recorder, recently the state recommended that the winter use of the Wendell State Forest be geared-up for cross-country skiing. This would include trail grooming and possibly a warming hut. In addition, the report recommended that snowmobiles would be prohibited from the Wendell forest and directed to the Erving State Forest. This could go into effect as soon as this winter.

If you are in favor of this proposal it would be beneficial to contact the following offices (it appears that some snowmobile users are protesting this proposal):

SNOWMOBILE PROHIBITION-WENDELL STATE FOREST

Send letters to:
Mr. Carroll A. Holmes, Reginal Supervisor
Region 4, Division of Forests and Parks
P.O. Box 484
Amherst, MA 01004

send copies to:
Commissioner James Gutonsohn
Dept. of Environmental Management
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202

Mr. Gilbert A. Bliss, Director
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100 Cambridge St.
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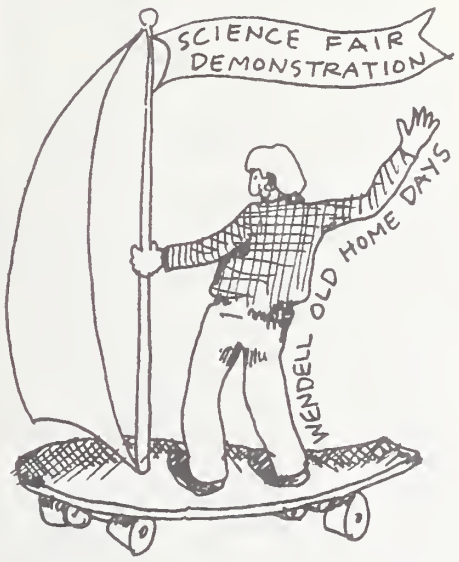
Wendell-powered vehicles, mountain bikes, are the new chosen mode of transportation of Susan DunLany and Jonathan von Ranson. They intend the the bikes to soon replace their car, part of a design to live simply.

Thanks, Mez Davis, for all your photos!



Idoing Joins County Ext.

NEW HORTICULTURIST JOINS COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE - Karen Idoine, of Wendell, has recently joined the Franklin County Cooperative Extension, replacing Tina Smith as associate extension agent for home horticulture,

Idoine received her undergraduate degree from UMass in 1985, through the University Without Walls Program, and will receive her Masters of Science in Entomology in early September from UMass as well. She received a Bachelors of Science degree in "Integrated Pest Management." Idoine says she brings "19 years of gardening experience to the job"

Idoine was the Horticultural Coordinator at the Wintergreen Cooperative Solar Greenhouse in Orange from 1979 until 1982.

Her new job at the extension service includes educating the public through programs in home horticultural activities. Idoine said she plans to do public service campaigns on the radio and in other media forms. She is available to answer questions about pest management, lawns, trees and a variety of other topics about gardening and yard work.

Anyone with questions regarding home horticultural activities should contact Idoine at the Franklin County Cooperative Exchange at 774-2902.

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Work area in back of the school where the new classrooms will be.

Election Help Wanted

I plan to go to either New Hampshire or Vermont whichever of the two is most likely to have a close vote, to help in getting out the vote for the Democratic ticket, and I would like three other volunteers to go with me. I have a car and two tents and we can find someone who is willing to help by giving us some space and a bathroom.

I propose to go about October 1 and continue there until Election Day.

Julian Wadleigh
4-6733

Library Notes

Storytime on the first and third Saturday of each month has proven to be successful, and will continue. Storytime begins at 10:30 AM and lasts approximately a half hour Parents are encouraged to stay and brouse the book and new video collections.

We are busy working on the Community Quilt to benefit the Wendell Library which will be raffled off at Old Home Day, Saturday July 9th. Tickets are available at the library and from the friends of the Library.

Linda 544-8604

TMJ Therapy Offered

TMJ, the Temporal Mandibular joint disfunction, gives a lot of people, especially women, a literal pain in the neck. This joint of the jaw can be dislocated, its disc displaced, or otherwise traumatized by dental problems, oral surgery, stress,injury gum chewing, thumb-sucking and/or teeth grinding. Stress can be both a major contributor and an effect or symptom. People with the disorder can experience intense pain, headaches, neck and shoulder pain and even serious jaw dysfunction.

There are techiques of correction in dentistry and orthodentury, chiropractic and accupuncture. Most often sufferees wear an uncomfortable and inhibiting soft appliance in the mouth.

There is massage therapy also which can be very effective. I attended a course at the New England Institute of Massage in Cambridge recently. It was an excellent program of the anatomy of the TMJ and its pathology and correction. We learned intensive massage and manipulation which, when combined with other body massage, should be able to relieve much of the pain and stress of this disorder. I am now offering this TMJ technique as part of my practice. Wendellites will receive a discount.

Susan DunLany

Low Impact Living Update

Are you enjoying the benefits of a simplified lifestyle in close relation with the natural environment and fairly free from economic burdens? Would you like to see this kind oflifesyle remain a legal option for others who come to our town?. If so, we encourage you to get involved in the ongoing exploratory discussions on how to preserve environmentally low impact "simple living" in Wendell.

Recognizing consciously chosen low consumptive lifestyles as a valuable, yet threatened cornerstone of Wendell's actively rural nature, a group of residents developed the notion of creating a zoning bylaw that would reserve room for simple living into the future. We dubbed this by-law idea the Low Impact By-Law (see The Unsettling of Wendell: A Call To Take Simple Living Seriously, pg 8, April/May Post).

During April and May, 7-10 residents met weekly to fill out some of the possible details of this kind of by-law. In the process it became clear to us that perhaps the biggest stumbling block to simplified/ alternative economic living is the outrageous price for land. On this matter we asked someone from the Institue for Community Economics in Greenfield to talk with us about land trusts.

The concept behind land trusts is that certain natural resourses, such as air and land that all humans and animals require, and no human created, should not be a source of profit-making. Imagine if we had to buy the air we breath? The land trust concept recognizes that treating land as a commodity to monopolize, buy and sell at ever escalating prices is a major cause of poverty, homelessness and land abuse. The purpse of a land trust, which is a non-profit organization formed by a group of local people, is to hold landin trust forever out of the speculative market. Those who come to reside on land trust land do so as stewards of the land with 99year renewable leases. They own the people-created improvements such as houses, barns, orchards and have the right to sell them, but not the land. Land trusts aquires land by donation or purchase & may be comprised of one or many parcels.

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Should a land trust be tied to the pro-posed low-impact living by-law? Can the creation of a Wendell area land trust serve the same purpose of a low-impact by-law? What are the legal hurdles of a low impact living by-law as we have thus far developedit? Is there a relationship between this by-law and the cluster by-law by the same name proposed by the Planning Board?

These are the current questions before those of us working on the issue. We could use more input and help.

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Wendell's Old Home Days schedule

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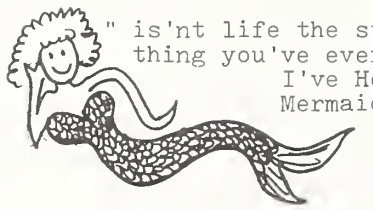
New Salem's Old Home Day's schedule

The New Salem Old Home Day will be held on July 16. The theme of the day will be the 50th Anniversary of the flooding of the towns under the the Quabbin Reservoir. The day will begin with a one mile run for 7 different age groups for men and women. A parade will be held at 12:00 with a band concert at 2:30. A buffet and picnic will take place on the town common at 5:50. The evening entertainment will be a caberet with Pat and Tex Lamountain. During the day there will be children's games, sales of all types, exhibits, and food and drink.



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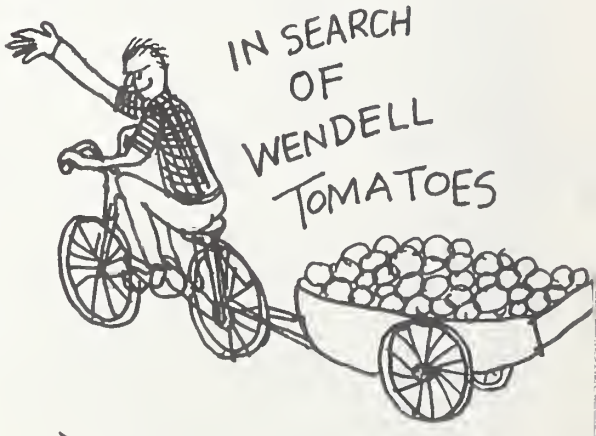

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Our New Minister

Reverend Carole Ann Camp, who began her ministry at the Wendell Meetinghouse on May 22, hopes the Meetinghouse will be a spiritual center for the town. She feels that each individual is involved in a spiritual journey, with different spiritual needs at different parts of that journey. Her background, which includes degrees from Andover-Newton School of Theology and U Mass, and her own experience allow her to provide for the varied needs of a Wendell congregation. She believes that Christians are activists. "If you are grounded in God, you can't not act... God has told us to love each other, so you can't sit around."

The service she led on the first Sunday in June exemplified her varied background and her concern for peace and justice. It began with the singing of Psalm 100:

"Enter God's gates with thanks and praise
Shout to the Lord, all the land;
Serve the Lord with joy;
Come before God with laughter..."

This hymn emphasized the joy in this group coming together in this church on this Sunday. The small circle of worshippers prayed together aloud and silently, remembering family and friends facing pain and hardship. Selections from the Old and New Testaments were read aloud, and Carole Ann helped the people in the church reflect on the New Testament reading from Corinthians, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us." Most of those at the meeting were able to visualize their earthen vessel and treasure within, as a way of understanding the gifts given to them and the gifts they had to share with others.

The formal response to this teaching was a passage from the Bible, set to music by Carole Ann:

"With what shall I come before the Lord?
With what shall I worship God?
Off'rings of gold?
Rivers of oil?
My children or my toil?
What is it that God wants of me?
To do justice, to love kindness,
And walk with my God in humility.
Micah 6:6-8

The informal response was a discussion of specific ways in which the church might be of service to the community.

Since this was the first Sunday of the month, there was a communion service, with the breaking and sharing of a loaf of bread and sipping wine from a chalice. Carole Ann commented that this was a ceremony of rebirth and that the chalice holding the wine was a feminine symbol.

With further prayers and songs, the ceremony, built on a clear structure, but moving along easily and informally, was brought to a close. People, stopping to talk and visit, moved slowly out of the meeting house and into the bright sunshine of the common.

Carole Ann lives in Brewster right now, but will be moving to Western Massachusetts soon. She radiates the energy, caring, and perceptiveness needed to help the Wendell Meetinghouse grow into an active center of community life.

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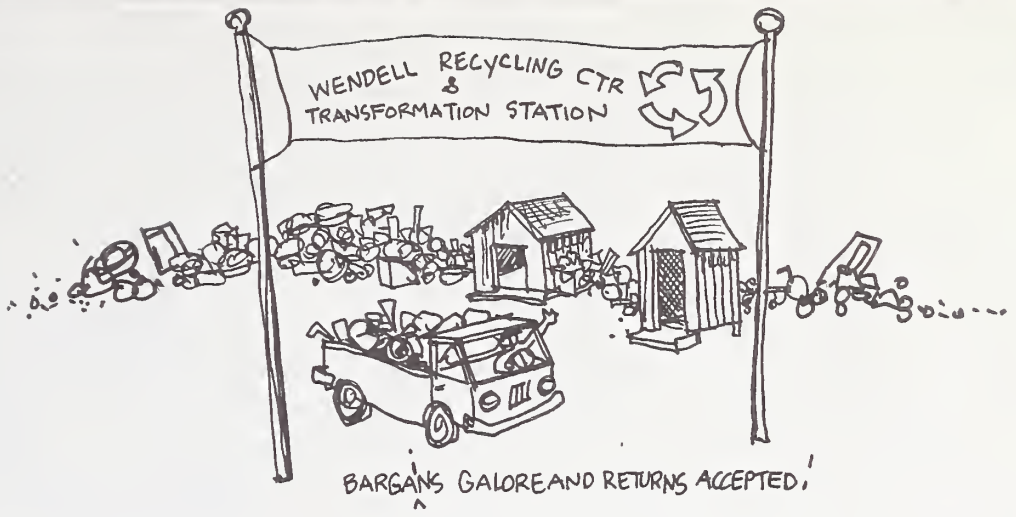

Wendell's Growth Stress

On Tuesday June 7, a hearing was held at the Wendell Town Hall on proposed regulations under the Wetlands By-Law already adopted by the town. The regulations define terms used in the by-law & specify procedures.

We have had two meetings with Tim Limbers the graduate student who is mapping Wendell's aquifers. At our next June meeting, he will lay out in detail how the project will be carried out over summer 1988 and 89. By the end of this summer we can expect preliminary results. Growth in the town will place added stress on our underground water supplies which can be planned for in advance only when we can tell where the supplies are, how they are resupplied (recharged), and how plentiful we can expect them to be. Planning will both protect these supplies from over-use and allow for development where the pattern of supplies will justify additional wells. In connection with drainage data, slope data, and soil percolation estimates, the aquifer mapping should also help us to design & locate leach-fields. Tim Limbers will be engaged throughout the summer in the field-work, collecting raw data, which will be the basis for the study. We hope that Wendell residents will understand the importance of this work and not see it as unwarranted or intrusive. This data will justify future measures which will protect the Town and enhance land values by assuring future supplies of safe drinking water. The funding for this work comes from the Franklin County Conservation District Office in Hadley.

This is a part of the implementation of Wendell's open-space planning process. Last August we submitted our Open-Space and Recreation Plan to the state authorities who have yet to review it. We expect to bring as much pressure as we can to get our plan approved so that it can be published and made available.

The last ten days of the percolation-test season produced such a flurry of testing that town officials were kept busy witnessing and keeping track of them. These tests demonstrate the need now and in the future for comprehensive planning. We can best accomplish this on the basis of accurate data, some of which is assembled in the Open-Space Plan, some to be gathered in connection with the aquifer study, and some in the GOALS Plan process for Wendell State Forest. Data from the water-gauging station of Kentfield Brook near Wendell Depot will be used, as well as from the lime-slurry de-acidification project further upstream on the same brook. Both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board will be engaged in this work for some time to come.

Respectfully submitted,
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Town Meeting

Town Meeting began this year at 7:00 Thursday, May 26. Kathy Becker, Ted Lewis, Joe Diemand and I were there, and we voted to recess the meeting a week, until Thursday, June 2. We did this because a town meeting has to begin more than a month before the end of the fiscal year, and the scheduled meeting of June 2 would not be legal without this little maneuver.

The real meeting began a 7:00 on June 2, and was well attended with virtually every seat taken. The meeting continued until 11:00, completing action of articles 2, 3, and 4. Article 2 was the report of town officials, and article 3 authorized the town treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.

Article 4 was finally passed authorizing spending $715,685.00, so discussion lasted two hours, although the amount finally authorized was very close to that recommended by the finance committee; the article was divided into sections for discussion and approval.

Salaries for most town employees were raised 35% following the recommendation of the finance committee. Most town jobs become more demanding each year, and the positions appeal only to those who want to do the work for the town. The new salaries still do not cover the work demanded, and the plan is to continue to raise salaries over the next few years.

The school budget discussion was long but we ended in approving the amounts requested, subtracting $10,000.00 from the amount requested for local education expenses, a transportation expense that was anticipated but now appears unlikely.

The arguments for reducing our spending are obvious; we are now paying for construction of a school addition, and a new fire station and highway garage; we are buying a new firetruck. Our taxes have become a serious burden.

The arguments for spending the money are also obvious and also good. Education costs money and costs are going up. In order to maintain or improve the quality of education we have to continue to spend money. As citizens we only have the word of the school personnel and the school committee to go by, and unless we attend school committee meetings we have to base our decisions on our trust of committee members.

After the school budgets were approved, we went through the rest of article 4 in less than 5 minutes and almost no discussion, approving $53,598.00 for interest, insurance, and assessments, $850.00 for cemeteries, and $5,250.00 for unclassified town expenses. We recessed until Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM.

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